



PGY 2 Internal Medicine Specialty Residency
Butler University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
Richard L. Roudebush Veterans Affairs Medical Center



Butler University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences and the Richard L. Roudebush VA Medical Center offer a one-year Specialty Residency in Internal Medicine. This residency is designed to provide both clinical education and advanced training in the fundamentals of internal medicine in both an inpatient and outpatient setting to allow for a well-rounded continuity of care experience. The resident will gain the clinical skills and knowledge in pharmacotherapy, pharmacokinetics, and the pathophysiology of core Internal Medicine disease states. Rotations include ten months of rounding on VA Internal Medicine teaching teams and working part-time in a primary care teaching clinic. There is a one-month block for an elective rotation, as well as shorter-term electives to be worked into the other 10 months. Both longitudinal and immersion academic experiences are available with Butler University. The resident will have also have practical onsite teaching opportunities of Doctor of Pharmacy students from Butler University.

The resident experiences shall include, but are not limited to, the following activities:

- ❖ Provision of pharmaceutical care to hospitalized patients via participation in daily inpatient rounds on the Internal Medicine service
- ❖ Provision of clinical pharmacy services to outpatients via participation in ambulatory care clinics
- ❖ Involvement in classroom instruction (both didactic and case-based interactive discussion) of Doctor of Pharmacy and Physician Assistant students at Butler University
- ❖ Precepting and mentoring Doctor of Pharmacy students in the Internal Medicine setting
- ❖ Development and completion of a clinical research project
- ❖ Education of physicians (both resident and faculty), nurses, pharmacy students and residents
- ❖ Certification in Basic Life Support (BLS) and Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS)
- ❖ Service on longitudinal committees or workgroups
- ❖ Participation in teaching certification program including development of a teaching portfolio

The Butler University campus is located approximately fifteen minutes away from the Roudebush VA Medical Center.

Requirements:

- ❖ Citizen of the United States
- ❖ Doctor of Pharmacy degree from an accredited college of pharmacy
- ❖ Active pharmacy licensure (Any valid state licensure due to service in a federal facility)
- ❖ Completion of a PGY1 Pharmacy Practice Residency or 3-5 years experience is required
- ❖ Deadline for application = January 15, 2009
- ❖ Requirements for Application:
 - Letter of Intent
 - Current curriculum vitae
 - Three letters of recommendation
 - Official College Transcripts
 - Personal Interview and Presentation

Contact Persons

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BENEFITS:

- Competitive stipend per annual VA standards
- Thirteen vacation days and seven holidays
- Professional days for attendance of national meetings and interviews
- Office with computer space
- Affordable parking
- Lab coat
- Copying privileges
- Medical media access
- No staffing requirements

PRECEPTOR INFORMATION:

Christopher M. Degenkolb, Pharm.D., BCPS

Chris received a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Ohio Northern University located in Ada, Ohio and completed an ASHP accredited (PGY1) Pharmacy Practice Residency and a (PGY2) Primary Care Specialty Residency at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Huntington, West Virginia. He currently holds the position of clinical pharmacy specialist in internal medicine at the Richard L. Roudebush Veterans Affairs Medical Center and is an Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice at Butler University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences.

Melanie K. Kuester, Pharm.D., BCPS

Melanie received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Butler University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, Indianapolis, Indiana. Through Community Hospitals of Indiana located in Indianapolis, Melanie completed an ASHP-accredited (PGY1) Pharmacy Practice Residency and a (PGY2) Ambulatory Care Specialty Residency. She is a clinical pharmacy specialist in ambulatory care at the Richard L. Roudebush Veterans Affairs Medical Center and an Adjunct Assistant Professor at Butler University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences.

Amy B. Owczarek, Pharm.D. BCPS

Amy received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences from Wayne State University located in Detroit, Michigan. She has also completed an ASHP accredited (PGY1) Pharmacy Practice Residency as well as a (PGY2) Internal Medicine Specialty Residency through West Virginia University Hospitals in Morgantown, West Virginia. Amy is currently a clinical pharmacy specialist in internal medicine at the Richard L. Roudebush Veterans Affairs Medical Center and is an Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice at Butler University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences.